

I have not observed homosexual behaviour among Asiatic male lions in Gir.

Schaller (1972), in his study of African lions, has observed homosexual behaviour

only in male lions. Paul Joslin (1973) in his study of Asiatic lions, does not mention having observed homosexual behaviour in lionesses.

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3. ON THE LONGEVITY OF THE CAT-BEAR OR RED PANDA (*AILURUS FULGENS*) IN CAPTIVITY

Three specimens (one male and two females) were received at the Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad (A.P.) on 30-6-66, 12-2-67 and 24-3-67 from an animal dealer of Delhi.

A female received on 24-3-1967 died on 8-8-79, establishing a longevity of 12 years 4 months 15 days in captivity. The other two specimens had died earlier within 4 years 5 months.

The maximum period of life in captivity for this species recorded in the San Diego Zoological Park namely 12 years and 10 months. One lived for 5 years and 4 months (Mitchell 1911) at the New York Zoological Park for 4 years, 11 months and 9 days (Crandall 1965).

Another at the Nandan Kanan Biological Park, Orissa lived for 5 years and 4 months (Acharjyo, pers. comm.). According to Walker *et al.* (1964) only a few of this species adapt themselves sufficiently to survive long in captivity.

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